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SUBJECT: CISCO II - APPEALS TO PLF

1. SENATORS GAYLORD NELSON AND DICK CLARK HAVE ASKED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGES BE TRANSMITTED TO PLF MILITARY WING LEADER ISAIAS AFEWORK VIA SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

2. QUOTE: MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HARRELL, WHO RESIDE IN THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE IN MY HOME STATE OF WISCONSIN HAVE APPEALED TO ME FOR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF THEIR SON, JAMES, WHO HAS BEEN HELD BY THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES IN ERITREA SINCE JULY 14, 1975. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT, AT THE TIME OF HIS ABDUCTION, MR.

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HARRELL WAS A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF A PRIVATE AMERICAN

COMPANY; HE WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN POLITICS. HE AND ANOTHER AMERICAN CIVILIAN, MR. STEVEN CAMPBELL, WERE APPARENTLY SELECTED AT RANDOM. MR. AND MRS. HARRELL ARE AN ELDERLY COUPLE; THEY ARE NEITHER HEALTHY NOR WEALTHY. THE PLIGHT OF THEIR SON HAS CAUSED THEM GREAT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ANGUISH. I THEREFORE APPEAL TO YOU ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS FOR THE RELEASE OF THESE TWO MEN WHO ARE INNOCENT OF ANY WRONG DOING. (SIGNED) GAYLORD NELSON, UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. END

QUOTE.

3. QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE LEN CAMPBELL FAMILY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA, I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOU RELEASE MR. STEVEN CAMPBELL WHO HAS BEEN A CAPTIVE OF THE PLF SINCE JULY 1975. STEVE IS A CIVILIAN WITH NO POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS OR STANDING AND COULD NOT IN ANY WAY INFLUENCE THE POLICIES OF THE US GOVERNMENT TOWARD ANY NATION. I AM APPEALING TO YOU FOR HIS RELEASE AND FOR THE RELEASE OF MR. JAMES HARRELL OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. YOUR CAUSE WOULD CERTAINLY GAIN FAVORABLE PUBLICITY IF YOU WERE TO ALLOW THESE MEN TO RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES AT THIS TIME. (SIGNED) DICK CLARK, UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF IOWA. END QUOTE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN MESSAGES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE SUDANESE. KISSINGER

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